

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 12 at line 10 with the following paragraph (A redacted copy of this paragraph showing deletions with strikethrough is provided in Appendix A):

The cKM software essentially consists of the IKM software plus (global security **314**, golden repository **316**, check-in/check-out capabilities **318**, versioning **320** and application management modules **322**). The cKM application **300** because it includes the IKM software also includes an integration layer **304**, a workflow layer **306**, and a communication layer **308**. The cKM application **300** also includes pluggable interface connection extensions **310** and **312** that can connect to portal software, ingestion software, content management software and a variety of database management systems. Golden Repository **316** includes a full fledged multi-media repository as well as a robust quick-search indexing mechanism. If a pre-existing multi-media repository exists (e.g. Artesia) then the pluggable interface connection extension **310** or **312** for Artesia is used instead. In all cases, the “golden repository” **316** will always exist.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 15 at line 8 with the following paragraph (A redacted version of this paragraph is provided in Appendix A showing deletions in brackets and additions with underlines):

With reference now to **Figure 6**, a block diagram illustrating retrieval of digital assets is depicted in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. Rather than have digital assets in a central repository which would soon become obsolete as users within the enterprise create and store digital assets on local media, the digital assets in the present invention are stored in a distributed manner. Thus, each IKM server has a local digital asset repository as described above with reference to **Figure 5**. Therefore, when a user desires to retrieve a digital asset, rather than retrieve the asset from a centralized location, the IKM server **602** queries the “golden” registry for the location of the digital asset and then requests and receives the digital asset from the IKM server **606** on whose local digital asset repository the digital asset is maintained. (It should be noted that as far as IKM server **602** is concerned, all three layers of the IKMs are exchanging information, with the communication layer using a standard protocol to convey the data that the security and business rules layers wish to send.) Therefore, failure of a digital asset repository does not paralyze the entire enterprise since not all digital assets are stored in a central location.